ಸದನವನ್ನು ಪ್ರವೇಶಿಸಿ ವೇದಿಕೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಕುಳಿತುಕೊಳ್ಳುವತನಕ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಎದ್ದು ನಿಂತುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದರು.

ಸಭಾ ಸದನದ ವೇದಿಕೆಯ ಮುಂದೆ ಬಂದು ಬಳಿಕ ಮೆರವಣಿಗೆಯು ಎರಡು ಭಾಗವಾಗಿ ಬೇರ್ಪಟ್ಟಿತು. ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮೇಲೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಬಲಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭಾಪತಿಯವರು ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಎಡ ಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಕುಳಿತುಕೊಂಡರು. ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರು ವೇದಿಕೆಯ ಮಧ್ಯಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಕುಳಿತುಕೊಂಡರು. ಉಭಯ ಸದನಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು ವೇದಿಕೆಯ ಮುಂದಿರುವ ಆಸನದಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಳಿತುಕೊಂಡರು.

1. ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಭಾಷಣ

ವಿಧಾನ ಮಂಡಲದ ಉಭಯ ಸದನಗಳನ್ನುದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿ ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರು ಮಾಡಿದ ಭಾಷಣ

ಘನತೆವೆತ್ತ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್.ಆರ್. ಭಾರದ್ವಾಜ್‌ರವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಧಾನ ಪರಿಷತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಯುಕ್ತ ಅಧಿವೇಶನವನ್ನುದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿ ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆಯ ಸಭಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ 6-1-2011ರಂದು ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 12.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಭಾಷಣ.

His Excellency the Governor: Honourable Mr. Chairman, Honourable Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members,

1. I wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year and Sankranti. It gives me a great pleasure to welcome all of you to this joint session of the Karnataka Legislature.

2. I deem it a privilege to have the opportunity to serve Karnataka and work for the welfare of the citizens of State. My Government has been stiving hard for the last two and a half years for giving good and efficient governance to people.

(ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಮಾನ್ಯ ವಿರೋಧ ಪಕ್ಷದ ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳು ಎದ್ದು ನಿಂತು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ಘೋಷಣೆ ಕೂಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು).

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿದ್ದರಾಮಯ್ಯ (ವಿರೋಧ ಪಕ್ಷದ ನಾಯಕರು): ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರೇ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಮಗೆ ಅಪಾರವಾದ ಗೌರವವದೆ. ಇದು ಭ್ರಷ್ಟ ಸರ್ಕಾರ... ದಯಮಾಡಿ ಓದಬೇಡಿ.

His Excellency the Governor: Then I will place it on the table. I will lay it on the table of the House. It may be taken as read.

1. During last one year, we have overcome many challenges. We have given a new shape to the development of modern Karnataka that we are building. "Development is our Mantra". Progress of all sections of the society and equal development of all regions of the State is our aim. We have identified the path, through Vision:2020, and we are moving towards that destination.
2. The law and order situation in Karnataka in the last one year has been very good. There has been no major communal incident in the State. A number of incidents which could have flared into major communal clashes were swiftly sorted out with the help of community leaders. The recent elections to the Zilla Panchayats and Taluk Panchayats have been one of the most peaceful elections held in the State.
3. I am happy to note that during and after the judgement related to Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid issue, the police did an excellent job in maintaining peace, by keeping in close touch with the community leaders. On the Naxal front also the situation has improved considerably. There were no major incidents of Naxal attacks or activities during the year. No civilian was killed or injured in Naxal attacks. For the first time, 4 Naxalites surrendered before the administration, due to police efforts.
4. My Government has taken a lot of people friendly initiatives in the Police department, which have been acknowledged and lauded by the Government of India. The Union Home Minister has written to other Chief Ministers of the Country to adopt some of these initiatives. These initiatives are aimed

at winning the confidence of the people through better service delivery.

5. My Government has also continued maintaining a cordial relationship with the neighbouring States and has not allowed any disruptive groups to spoil the harmony with our neighbours.
6. I am happy to state that the financial status of my Government is very sound. As at the end of December 2010, revenue receipts have increased to Rs.38,688 crore, i.e. 20% more than the same time last year. Commercial tax collection was higher by 30% and is the highest among all neighbouring States.
7. The plan expenditure has also increased by 16% to Rs.14,505 crore. At the same time, my Government restricted the non-plan expenditure increase to only 10%. With the current trend of the resource mobilisation and non-plan expenditure, my Government expects to achieve the current year's annual plan of Rs.31,050 crore.
8. My Government has taken a number of initiatives for the development of the State. This focus on the new initiatives resulted in increasing share of the plan expenditure from 29% of the total expenditure during 1999-2004 to 40% during 2008 -2011. The per capita plan expenditure of my State is one of the highest in the country. This was Rs.4,500 per head during the last year and is expected to go up to Rs.5,175 per head by the end of current financial year. New beneficiary oriented schemes and enhancing the scope of existing schemes, are providing direct benefit to over 1.84 crore persons.

9. The Global Investors' Meet held in June 2010 in Bangalore, was a resounding success. Over 389 MOUs were signed with a job potential of nearly 8 lakh persons. Till December 2010, my Government, through its meticulous efforts, has achieved implementation of around 180 projects with a total investment of Rs 2.78 lakh crore across the State. Karnataka has also been considered as the most favoured destination for investment as per the recent ASSOCHAM's investment assessment report.

10. I am happy to inform you that my Government intends to organise, for the first time in India, a Global Agriculture Investment Meet during June 2011 in Bangalore. An Agri-Business Policy will be brought out soon to facilitate better backward and forward linkages for farmers. These measures would give a substantial boost to the livelihoods of our farmers.

11. The recent Krishna Tribunal Award has enhanced my State's water resources potential. My Government is planning to make larger investments in water sector to utilise this potential and to enable our farmers to benefit on a bigger scale. This decade (2011-2020) will be declared as **"Neeravari Dashaka"** with focus on water resources management in Karnataka. Accordingly, suitable master plans and modalities for their effective implementation will be rolled out in the coming months.

12. My Government is continuing its efforts to remove regional imbalances in the State. Focus is being given on the backward talukas identified in the Special Development Plan as per the Dr.Nanjundappa Committee Report. The Government has spent a sum of Rs.5,243 crore so far and

plans to spend around Rs.1,846 crore during the remaining months of the current financial year.

Farmers Welfare at the Forefront

13. My Government has always been keeping the farmers in the forefront of its development framework. The scheme of advancing term loans to the farmers, weavers and fishermen at the rate of 3% through co-operative credit societies / banks is a model to follow. Agricultural loans amounting to Rs.3,010 crore have already been disbursed to over 8.9 lakh farmers during the current year.
14. My Government also intends to seriously examine the feasibility of extending farm loans under the cooperative sector at an even lower interest rate of 1%.
15. During the current year, the production of food grains is expected to be around 125.78 lakh tons. This will be a record achievement in the State. Over 25 lakh farmers have been given quality seeds at subsidized rates during this year. The Bhoochetana programme, which has led to higher yields, covers 12 lakh hectares across 16 districts.
16. To promote organic farming an amount of Rs.100 crore has been earmarked during current financial year and action has been taken to bring 71,000 hectares area under organic cultivation.
17. As a new initiative, horti-clinics / horticulture information & consultancy centres are being established with the objective of helping the farmers and entrepreneurs in getting detailed information. Karnataka has a great potential to develop as the horticulture hub of the country. My Government will endeavour to bring out more schemes to achieve the above objective.

18. During 2008-2009, an incentive scheme of giving Rs.2 per litre of milk was started and the same has been continued in 2010-2011 with an allocation of Rs.207 crore. Over 6.5 lakh members benefit from this scheme. During the current year, over 39.42 lakh litres of milk has been produced thereby Karnataka has become the second highest milk producing State in the co-operative sector.

Efficient utilization of Water Resources

19. My Government continues to lay emphasis on ensuring availability of water for irrigation as well as drinking purposes. 14 major & medium irrigation projects will be completed during the current financial year and over 59,000 hectares of fresh irrigation potential is expected to be created by the end of the year.

20. My Government, for the first time in the country, has initiated preparation of plans with the support of Asian Development Bank to implement integrated water resources management at the river basin level. An MOU has also been entered into with Water Resources Group 2030 of the World Economic Forum (WEF) with the objective to workout strategic options for the Karnataka's Water Sector Reforms.

21. To regulate and conserve the depleting ground water resources in the State, my Government intends to introduce a Legislation to regulate the extraction of ground water resources.

Shelter for all

22. My Government has adopted the objective of making Karnataka as a hutless State. Under various schemes, around 3 lakh houses are under construction during the current year. My Government is also committed to distribute two lakh

house sites in the rural areas and 50,000 sites in the urban areas during 2010-2011.

23. My Government intends to formulate a comprehensive Housing Policy, which will facilitate substantial enhancement of the housing stock in the State. The Policy would cover various categories of housing and will also involve public private partnership in the development of affordable housing including redevelopment of slums.

AASARE – New settlements for the flood affected

24. My Government took up the daunting task of developing 294 new settlements for 60,000 flood affected families. This involves shifting of 148 villages fully and 146 villages partially and construction of 59,471 houses. The involvement of substantial number of private donors in the construction of these houses is commendable and my Government would like to record its appreciation to all such donors. Layouts have already been formed in 285 villages and construction work has not commenced in 9 villages due to pendency of Land Acquisition Proceedings. Around 47,000 houses are in various stages of construction and as on date 10,479 houses have been fully completed. The remaining houses will be completed by the end of March 2011. Nowhere in the country, a task of this magnitude has been attempted in such a short time schedule.

Energy supply enhanced

25. I am happy to state that the power situation in the State has improved considerably as compared to the last few years. Generation problems in Raichur Thermal Power Station have been addressed and for the first time over 1400 MW of power is being generated. The first unit of the private sector

power plant in Udupi District has been commissioned and the power has started flowing to the grid. These efforts as well as various other measures of the Government including purchase of power has led to substantial increase in the power supply. For the first time, around 150 million units of power per day is being supplied.

26. My Government is continuing its efforts to enhance generation capacity. MOUs have been signed with L&T in respect of the pit head thermal project in Chattisgarh State and with NTPC in respect of the 4000 MW ultra mega power plant at Kudagi in Bijapur District. My Government has spared no efforts in ensuring that all the clearances required for putting up the 740 KMs Dabhol – Bangalore gas pipeline by Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) were given in a record time. As a result, GAIL will be able to commission their pipeline by March 2012. Gas based power projects can now be seriously considered in the State.

27. My Government is implementing the 'Niranthara Jyothi' programme at a cost of Rs. 2200 crore through the power distribution companies. This will ensure not only enhanced power to villages, but will also improve the quality of power supply for the irrigation pumpsets. This programme is being implemented in 2 phases in 126 taluks.

28. My Government intends to give higher focus to the energy conservation and demand side management of power. Towards this end, efforts will be stepped up to promote the use of CFL and LED lamps in the State.

Improved health care

29. My Government has given utmost priority to health care. Last year, the Vajpayee Arogya Shree health

assurance scheme was started in Gulbarga division to cover 14.5 lakh BPL families. This year, it has been extended to the Belgaum division. An independent social audit has also been conducted in all divisions to assess the satisfaction levels of patients for both PHC and District Hospitals. The Medical Ambulance Service (Arogya Kavacha) has received more than 1.79 crore calls and has helped to save 8.09 lakh lives. Annual free health checkup for over one crore school children has been successfully completed. During the current year 327 doctors and 3922 para medical staff have been appointed.

Empowerment of Women

30. My Government has given prominence to development of women and girl children. Under Bhagyalakshmi Scheme, around 12 lakh beneficiaries are being covered. In the current year, a comprehensive free medical checkup for the children was conducted. Along with this, an incentive programme to educate and encourage the mothers was also taken up across all districts of the State during October – November 2010.

31. Under Stree Shakthi programme 1.40 lakh self help groups (SHGs) consisting of 21 lakhs women members have been formed. These groups have saved a sum of nearly Rs.870 crore.

Welfare of SC, ST and Other Backward Classes

32. The welfare of SC, ST and other backward classes is the priority of my Government. Construction of 200 hostel buildings have been taken up during the year. Further, in 10 districts, Babu Jagajivan Ram Bhavans are being constructed

at a cost of Rs. 20 crore. Eleven Model Hostels at a cost of Rs. 20 crore have been started.

33. 547 Morarji Desai and Kittur Rani Chennamma Residential Schools are being run to provide higher quality of education to the students belonging to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe/Backward classes especially in the rural areas. Nearly 70,000 students have been benefited.

34. As part of the economic upliftment programme, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Development Corporation has earmarked Rs.148 crore during 2010-2011. Similarly, Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation has allocated Rs.140 crore and the Karnataka Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation has provided Rs.70 crore during the current year for giving loans.

Welfare of Minorities

35. My Government is committed to the welfare of the minorities. During the current year a sum of Rs. 251 crore has been earmarked for their welfare, which is an all time high compared to previous years.

36. Occupational Training to un-employed boys & girls is being provided in the field of nursing, computer programming, plastic technology, etc. During the year 2010-2011, Rs.10 crore has been earmarked for this purpose and 4580 candidates have been benefited so far.

37. A special Task Force has been created for survey of Wakf property. My Government has also met the long time demand for facilitating construction of Haj Mahal and a sum of Rs.5 crore has been sanctioned for purchase of the land.

Rural Development

38. My Government continues to accord high priority in implementing the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in the State. Around 2.33 crore man days of employment has been generated by providing employment to over 19 lakh persons.

39. In order to facilitate better implementation of the various schemes in the rural development sector, 2500 Panchayat Development Officers have been recruited and 453 Gram Panchayat Secretaries have been appointed.

40. During the year 2010-2011, over Rs.650 crore has been spent on development and maintenance of rural roads. In addition, my Government has recently approved a scheme to take up development of 20 KMs of rural roads in each Assembly Constituency at a total estimated cost of over Rs.3000 crore.

41. Rs.271 crore has been spent for providing adequate & safe drinking water to 483 rural habitations and 177 water quality affected habitations.

42. Under Suvarna Gramodaya scheme Rs.208 crore has been spent to complete road & drainage works in 53 villages.

43. "Panchatantra" software has been developed wherein Grama Panchayath accounts as well as other relevant information is being made known to the public.

44. In recognition of empowerment of Panchayats in the State, Government of India has awarded first prize to the State under the Panchayat Empowerment and Accountability Incentive Scheme for the year 2009-2010.

45. My Government has enhanced the reservation for women for the seats and the posts in all the three tiers of Panchayat Raj

Institutions to 50%, so as to empower and enhance the participation of women at grass-root level democratic institutions.

Udyoga Mela

46. Karnataka Vocational Training and Skill Development Corporation has organized 21 Skill and Job fairs and 147 Mini job Fairs and has provided skill training for over 3 lakh candidates and employment facilitated for 2.9 lakh candidates. A special Skill and Job fair was organized for people with disability at Bangalore in which more than 3000 disabled candidates participated and around 500 candidates got employment.

47. For the first time in the country, employment exchanges have been converted as HRD centers under public-private partnership. Presently two centers viz. at Mangalore and Bijapur have started functioning and six more centers shall be established within this financial year.

48. Some of the other initiatives taken to provide skill training and employment are -

- Establishment of multi skill development centers at Bangalore and Gulbarga in collaboration with GTZ – IS Germany,
- E-Learning labs in SC / ST Post Metric Hostels,
- Sahayog Programme for under Graduates students,
- Margadarshi Career Guidance center in 228 schools of 114 taluks,
- Special skill training and employment drive in naxal affected areas.

Furthering Education

49. My Government gives utmost priority for education. This year we have commissioned science sections in 100 First Grade Government Colleges. This will help the rural students to study the science and mathematics subjects and to compete with urban students.

50. We have established three new Universities during the year 2010 – 2011. They are Rani Chennamma University at Belgaum, Vijayanagara Shri Krishnadevaraya University at Bellary and Sanskrit University at Mysore. We have appointed a Special Officer to work out the modalities for establishment of Janapada University.

51. During the year we have enacted The Higher Education Council Act and established The Higher Education Council which is fully functional. The Council and the Knowledge Commission are giving proper direction in the field of education.

Promotion of Kannada language and Culture

52. My Government has been making continuous efforts towards nurturing, promotion and preservation of Kannada language and Culture. 11 festivals have been organized at various places in the State to promote this objective. Rs.1 Crore has been released for translating the works of Jnanapeetha Awardees from Karnataka. A committee is working towards creating a website in Kannada.

53. The first phase of the work of Late Dr.Rajkumar Memorial has been completed and ready for inauguration. Similarly, in the memory of Late Dr.Vishnuvardhan, funds have been released for purchase of land and construction of the Memorial will commence soon.

54. To commemorate progress of Karnataka, it has been decided to hold World Kannada Conference during March 2011 at Belgaum. The approximate cost of holding this conference is Rs.30 crore, of which Rs.10 crore has already been released.

55. Government of India has accorded the status of Classical Language to Kannada. To develop Kannada Language each of the 11 universities in the State have been given a grant of Rs.1 crore. These Universities have formulated schemes for development of Kannada language, literature, and culture. Depending on the progress of these projects, my Government is committed to release an additional Rs.1 crore to each of these Universities.

56. My Government is also taking steps to promote Sanskrit. Sponsoring the World Sanskrit Book Fair being held in Bangalore this month and supporting the development of a separate Wikipedia for Sanskrit are some of the measures taken by my Government.

Tourism – One State many Worlds

57. Karnataka is a favourite destination for tourists both from India and abroad. My Government has adopted a proactive approach in making tourism an attractive industry. The New Tourism Policy 2009-2014 has been published. During Global Investors Meet, proposals with an investment potential of Rs.21,000 crore were received for setting up Theme Parks, Resorts and other Tourism related projects. Under the integrated Tourism Policy, it is proposed to attract an investment of Rs.25,000 crore over the next 5 years. These investments are expected to create job opportunities for 41 lakh persons in the State.

Prevention of illegal mining

58. Driven by the huge demand in the international market for iron ore, the indiscriminate and illegal export of iron ore was going on unabated for several years. To put an end to such unauthorized export of iron ore from the State, the State Government has taken the unprecedented step of banning issue of permits for export of iron ore from the State. This decision of the Government was in tune with its policy of value addition in the mining sector and to encourage use of the iron ore within the State itself. The decision of the Government to ban issue of permits for export has also been upheld by the High Court of Karnataka.

59. Further, the State Government has taken several other pro-active steps to curb illegal mining activities in the State including the following:

- Introduction of bar coding and hologram based trip sheets,
- Introduction of 13 integrated check-posts in several locations of the State to ensure better co-ordination,
- To use high-resolution satellite data to detect unauthorized encroachment of mining areas,
- To establish 10 Weigh-in-motion-cum-Automatic Traffic Counter Classifier to check overloading of vehicles,
- Measures to check the weight of the iron ore loaded at the loading point at the mines itself.

60. Apart from this the State Government is also amending the existing rules to put heavy penalties for illegal transportation of iron ore, such as the seizure of vehicles etc.

Infrastructure Development

61. Recognising the important role of good communication in the development of the State, my Government has spent Rs.1373 crore in improving 13,718 KMs. of road.

62. Reconstruction of 167 bridges damaged during the heavy floods in northern Karnataka in October 2009 is being taken up at an amount of Rs.130 crore with NABARD loan assistance. Of these, 145 bridge works have already been approved and works are going to commence soon.

63. The International Airport at Devanahalli is about to take up expansion of Terminal and related facilities to almost double the capacity. Minor Airports at Shimoga, Gulbarga, Bijapur and Hassan are being developed on PPP basis through private promoters.

64. My Government has accorded highest priority for the Bangalore Metro Rail system. So far an amount of Rs.2600 crore has been released. Civil works in the elevated stretch of the Eastern line from Baiyappanahalli to Mahathma Gandhi Road (Reach-1) is substantially completed and already trial runs of the first train set have started on this stretch. This stretch will be ready for commercial operation any time after the end of January 2011, soon after the safety certification is completed. The rest of the project is also expected to be completed on schedule by 2013. My Government has also approved the preparation of project report for extension in Phase-II to the extent of 51.3 KMs.

Urban Development

65. Due to continuous improvements in property tax administration, the urban local bodies have been able to achieve higher coverage of property taxes and improved

collection efficiency. This has resulted in increase in the collections from Rs.258 crore to Rs.947 crore in the case of BBMP alone.

66. A major initiative started this year is to put in place Standards of Service Delivery in respect of all essential services like Water Supply, Waste Water Management, Solid Waste Management, Storm Water Drainage, etc. Year-wise benchmarks will also be specified. This is expected to optimize the infrastructure and lead to speedier service delivery.

Land related measures

67. My Government has undertaken steps to identify all Government lands and its boundaries during the current year under 'Land Survey Abhiyan Programme' and Rs.5 crore has been earmarked for this purpose.

68. Scanning of Land records has been successfully completed in 26 Taluks. In a phased manner, all the remaining taluks will also be covered.

E-governance and IT / BT initiatives

69. 'AADHAR' Project has been inaugurated on 08.10.2010 in two districts of Mysore and Tumkur. Over 5 lakh residents have already registered under this scheme.

70. With the objective of giving subsidy directly to the farmers, Electronic Clearance System has been introduced.

71. Thirty two rural BPO centres have been sanctioned in various parts of the State to extend information technology to rural areas and also to provide employment to rural youths.

72. Government has taken action to provide computerization and website facilities in 747 farmers contact centres at hobli level at an estimated cost of Rs.25 crore.

73. My Government has issued Smart Cards to the eligible people under the social security pension schemes in six districts viz Bellary, Gulbarga, Chithradurga, Chamrajnagara, Dharwad and Mandya on experimental basis. Steps will be taken to extend the scheme to all the districts of the State.

74. The Semi Conductor Policy, introduced in the State for the first time, aims at giving a boost to the electronic sector. Bangalore is the largest hub of Semi Conductor design companies in Asia, generating about 80% of the sector's revenues. The size of this sector is projected to reach about Rs.5 lakh crore in the State by the year 2020.

75. My Government has also taken steps to set up sector-specific biotech parks in Mysore, Mangalore, Dharwad and Bidar. In order to provide employable graduates/post-graduates to the BT Industry, the State Government has sanctioned 12 BT Finishing Schools, first of its kind in the country.

Transport

76. KSRTC has been applauded as the first Transport Corporation in the Country for speedy completion of projects under JnNURM scheme efficiently. The Central Government. has praised the low floor buses designed and fabricated internally by KSRTC under this scheme as the best model and has suggested this model to other cities in the country. KSRTC has also been appreciated for various other initiatives including construction of Hi-tech buses, transparency in recruitment, etc.

77. I am happy to state that the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) is the only profit making urban transport corporation in the entire country. Both KSRTC and BMTC have secured a number of national and international awards during the last 2 years.

Encouragement to Sports

78. Sports persons from Karnataka have made us proud by winning medals in the recently held Commonwealth Games and Asian Games. As a measure of encouragement to these sports persons, Government has sanctioned cash award of Rs.10 lakh each for the gold medallists, Rs.7 lakh for the silver medallists and Rs.5 lakh for the bronze medallists. 23 sports personalities of our State would benefit from this.

Laurels & Awards

79. I am happy to announce that the efforts of Karnataka have been recognized in various fields of administration. The State ranked No.2 at the national level in implementing the 20 Point Development Programmes for the quarter ending June 2010. It stood second in overall implementation of PMGSY in the country. The two districts of Belgaum and Gulbarga got distinction in the implementation of NREG Programme. The e-Tendering and e-Procurement initiative was conferred with "Asia Award".

80. Further, the IT initiative (AWTAR) has also won the Government of India's e-Governance Award for the best IT initiative in the Public Sector. The Golden Peacock Eco-Innovation Award for use of alternative fuels like bio-diesel, ethanol and blended diesel in over 2,000 buses, the National Water Award for the 'Sujala' watershed programme and National Urban Water Award 2009 under Public-Private-

Partnership category in five districts are some other examples of awards received by Karnataka.

81. Once again I seek the co-operation of all the Hon'ble Members in the formulation of progressive policies and implementation of the developmental agenda. It is needless to say that collectively all of you play a critical role in ensuring progress of the State. Together let us make Karnataka as the most citizen friendly and progress oriented State in the country.

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(ಸದನವು ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 12 ಗಂಟೆ 04ಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಂದೂಡಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು ಪುನಃ 15 ನಿಮಿಷಗಳ ನಂತರ ಸೇರಲು ನಿಶ್ಚಯಿಸಿತು)

(ಸದನವು ಪುನಃ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 12 ಗಂಟೆ 30 ನಿಮಿಷಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭವಾಯಿತು)

(ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಪೀಠವನ್ನು ಅಲಂಕರಿಸಿದ್ದರು)

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು: ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಯವರಿಂದ ವರದಿ.

2. ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಯವರ ವರದಿ:

ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ: ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೆ, ಘನತೆವೆತ್ತ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರು ಮಾಡಿದ ಭಾಷಣದ ಪ್ರತಿಯನ್ನು ಈಗ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಡಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

(ಅನುಬಂಧ–1)

ವಿಧಾನಮಂಡಲದ ಉಭಯ ಸದನಗಳನ್ನುದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿ ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರು ಮಾಡಿದ ಭಾಷಣದ ಕನ್ನಡ ಆವೃತಿ

ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭಾಪತಿಯವರೇ, ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ ಮತ್ತು ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರೇ,

1. ನಿಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ನಾನು ಹೊಸ ವರ್ಷದ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಕ್ರಾಂತಿಯ ಶುಭಾಶಯಗಳನ್ನು ಕೋರುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಿಧಾನ ಮಂಡಲದ ಈ